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Introduction of NCC in Schools and Colleges

1111. SHRI VITHALBHAI MOTIRAM PATEL: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce compulsory training of N.C.C. right from school level;

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take to implement the proposal; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI ARUN SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The cost of imparting compulsory NCC training to all the students presently studying in the schools from 8th class onwards would be prohibitive.

Bank robberies and dacoities

1112. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of bank robberies and dacoities committed and reported during the last two years till day in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana;

(b) the number of persons arrested in this regard; and

(c) the amount involved in each case and the amount recovered so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Details of cases of bank robberies/dacoities that occurred in pulic sector banks in Delhi, Punjab and Haryana during the years 1985, 1986 and up to February, 1987 and the amount involved therein, as reported by Reserve Bank of India, are given in the Annexure. [See Appendix CXLI Annexure no. 45]

Reserve Bank of India has further reported that 8 persons have been arrested in connection with these bank robberies / dacoities and an amount of Rs 3.25 lakhs has been recovered.

Fool proof security System for Banks

1113. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any foolproof security system for Banks has since been evolved by the Government to check the robberies and dacoities in Banks;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a considerable extent, depend on the general security environment in the locality. Banks however, have been taking steps to improve their security arrangements so as to offer as little inducement as possible to miscreants to rob banks and also to deter them. As this is a continuous process, security measures implemented by public sector banks are being reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines/instructions are given to the Banks. Depending on the risk factor involved, steps have been taken to appoint security guards, instal appropriate alarm systems, etc. in branches. Since apprehension of the culprits concerned is the most

important detterent, State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to make all out efforts to arrest the culprits. Further, in order to motivate bank employees, the general public and the police to resist robbers/dacoits, a scheme of rewards has been announced.

.Guidelines to stock exchanges for. underwriting of obligations

1114. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have issued any new guidelines to the stock exchanges for discharging their underwriting obligations within a stipulated time;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of cases in which permission was granted by Government for fresh or additional underwriting to members who are in default of the past underwriting commitments together with reasons?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details regarding the guidelines are as follows:

(i) The Stock Exchanges will satisfy themselves that Company's securities which are being underwritten would be officially quoted on a recognised Stock Exchange.

(ii) The members of the Stock Exchanges desiring to underwrite will satisfy themselves that the company has duly complied with the listing regulations.

(iii) The Governing Bodies of recognised Stock Exchanges shall have the discretion to refuse permission or impose such conditions in respect of underwriting of securities by members of Stock Exchanges as they may deem necessary in the special circumstances of any given case.

(iv) The underwriting of public issues should be distributed amongst the members of the Stock Exchanges as widely as possible.

(v) No member should be allowed to undertake on underwriting commitment of more than 5% of the public issue.

(vi) The Stock Exchanges should prescribe procedures for advance action to be taken by companies, merchant bankers etc. for making underwriting arrangements so as to ensure that all the relevant information is furnished in the draft prospectus which is submitted to the Stock Exchanges for approval.

(vii) The Stock Exchanges should set up monitoring mechanism for keeping a close watch on the underwriting commitments of the members. The Stock Exchanges would ensure that no permission is granted for fresh/additional underwriting to members who are in default of the past underwriting commitments.

(viii) The Stock Exchanges should also take into account the own capital of the members while approving their underwriting commitments in order to maintain a proper relationship between the financial strength of the members, and their underwriting commitments.

(ix) The Companies/merchant bankers and other concerned agencies should ensure that the Demand Drafts/Cheques issued to the members of the Stock Exchanges for payment of underwriting commission contain the correct code number of the Stock Exchanges and their members.